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FOR CONGRESSIONAL RELATIONS

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SUBJ: ESTATE OF DECEASED CONSTITUENT OF REP. CHARLES A.
VANIK (D-OHIO)

1. DURING HIS VISIT TO CZECHOSLOVAKIA IN OCTOBER, 1975, REP. CHARLES A. VANIK MET WITH NEPHEW OF MONSIGNOR ZLAMAL (NOW DECEASED), A FORMER CONSTITUENT OF REP VANIK'S IN CLEVELAND, OHIO, WHOSE ESTATE IS NOW BEING SETTLED IN CLEVELAND COURTS. REP VANIK OFFERED TO ASSIST NEPHEW, OLDRICH ZLAMAL, A CZECHOSLOVAK CITIZEN, TO COME TO U.S. FOR NECESSARY COURT APPEARANCE TO PROTECT LATTER'S INTERESTS IN ESTATE, WHICH ARE APPARENTLY SUBSTANTIAL. DEPARTMENT IS REQUESTED TO INFORM REP VANIK'S OFFICE THAT OLDRICH ZLAMAL HAS NOW INDICATED TO EMBASSY HIS INTEREST IN GOING TO U.S. FOR COURT APPEARANCE.

2. DEPARTMENT SHOULD BE AWARE THAT ZLAMAL HAD TOLD REP VANIK DURING LATTER'S VISIT THAT HE DID NOT FEEL TRIP WOULD BE WISE BUT HAS SINCE CHANGED HIS MIND IN VIEW OF SUBSTANTIAL INHERITANCE HE IS LIKELY TO LOSE BY NOT APPEARING IN COURT. ZLAMAL HAS NO LIVING RELATIVES IN U.S. AND THEREFORE WOULD NEED A LETTER ATTESTING TO IMPORTANCE OF HIS PERSONALLY APPEARING IN CLEVELAND COURT EITHER FROM ESTATE'S LAWYERS OR FROM REP VANIK AND STATING STEADINESS OF ESTATE TO UNDERWRITE COST OF HIS JOURNEY. LETTER NEEDED FOR CZECHOSLOVAK AUTHORITIES WHO MUST APPROVE TEMPORARY EXIT PERMIT SO THAT ZLAMAL CAN APPLY FOR U.S. VISA.

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3. EMBOFF WHO SERVED AS VANIK'S CONTROL OFFICER WROTE

CONGRESSMAN ABOUT THIS MATTER LAST NOVEMBER 12, BUT
NEITHER HE NOR ZLAMAL HAS RECEIVED ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF
THAT LETTER FROM REP VANIK. IN VIEW OF FACT THAT MEETING
WITH ZLAMAL IN PRAGUE WAS AT REP VANIK'S INITIATIVE, WE
FEEL HE MAY STILL BE INTERESTED IN HELPING TO CLEAR UP FORMER
CONSTITUENT'S ESTATE AND THEREFORE REQUEST DEPARTMENT TO
RAISE MATTER WITH CONGRESSMAN'S OFFICE AND ADVISE.
APPARENTLY, THERE IS SOME URGENCY IN VIEW OF IMMINENCE OF
COURT HEARINGS. FRISBIE

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